trado has increased; that is the overall position, but it has been divided by the ten major ports, I would like to remind the Minister that in the case of Madras it has increased from. 8.5 to 17.46 at present. But in the case of other major ports like Calcutta and Bombay, it has declined. What is the reason for this? Will the Minister tell any reason?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, in reply to the first part of the question, the outlay for 1988-89 for the Madras Port is Rs. 17.18 crores.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Rs. 67.15 crores.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT; The yearly figure, I am talking of. You mus,t be talking of the Seventh Plan.

Hon. Chairman, Sir, it will be very difficult to give the details for each project, how much is spent because there are so many projects in each port going on. So, if the hon. Member wants the complete details, I can supply to him. For the Madras Port the Seventh Plan outlay is Rs. 67.15 crores. New schemes include Rs. 38.12 crores. In 1985-86 the actual expenditure is Rs. 29.50 crores. The outlay for 1986-87 is Rs. 14.25 crores. The actual expenditure we are expecting is Rs. 23 crores. Similarly, in 1 1987-88 we are likely to spend R^{s}. i 91.10 crores.

Regarding foreign trade, as has been mentioned earlier, Mr. Chairman, Sir, in totality our foreign trade has gone high. I have mentioned the figures. Sometimes it depends on how much import we get. So, these figures are variable. You really cannot \say that because this port has handled so much foreign trade ^{this} year, next year it must handle the same. Sometimes it depends upon ou$_{r}$ requirement, Government import conditions. These are so many factors which affect the port'shanSl-in« capacity of foreign trade.

203. *[The questioner (Shri Subas Mohanty and Shri Ajit P. K. Jogi)* •were absent. *For answer* vide *cols.* 32 *infra].*

Quality and efficiency of catering services in Trains

*204. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the quality and efficiency of catering services in the mail and superfast express trains, especially Tamil Nadu Express, Andhra Express, Karnataka Express', Grant Trunk Express, Jammu Tawi Express etc. on which $_{0}$f late cold and stale meals and tiffins are being served in aluminjum foil packs, and that too hours beyond schedule; and

(b) what are the details of qualitative and quantitative standards prescribed for food materials and beverages to be catered in the trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Steps taken to improve the quality and efficiency of catering services in mail r.nd express trains in the last few years have met with considerable success. These steos include the introduction of casserole service, modernisation of base kitchens, training to staff, intensive inspections etc. Efforts to improve the services even further are continuing.

(b) Onlv good quality raw materials are used for preparation of meals and reputed brands of beverages are permitted to be sold. The contents of the meals at present are about 545 to 685 gms. depending on the meal.

PROP. C. LAKSHMANNA; Mr. Chairman, Sir, I had asked the question;

"what are the details of qualitative and quantitative standards prescribed for food material^ and be-

I he answer is;

"Only good quality raw materials are used...."

I would like to know from the Minister what those standards are which have I been prescribed for buying things from different sources and whether those have been strictly adhered to in the preparation of the food materials i and also sale of beverages. If that j is not being followed, if it is only ! talking in terms of only good quality, how is the person who is in charge of purchasing these things guided by this good quality? Is it left to the individual and subjective judgement of the person in charge of the purchases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):, j S'r, in the Hindi answer we have already said that we do our best to ensure that the raw materials that go into our cooked foods are of <*ood quality. Good quality will differ from article to article. I do not understand how you can standardise. I do not understand the yardstick.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So many things are used. How can he say that thin is of this-quality, that that will be of that! sort, that salt will be of this sort, that chillies will be of this standard?

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: That is not the case. You can broadly categorise the categories of things which are used. For each one of them there can . be definite norms and standards.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you got any norms and standards proscribed?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: The norm is good quality.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA; As answer to part (a)- of the question, it is stated: "These steps include the introduction of casserole service, modernisation $_0$f base kitchens, training to staff, intensive inspections etc.i—™ whether as has been promised by the Minister while answering this, he will be able to supply hot, clean and hygienic food" through the casserole service. I would like to know how much hot it is, how clean it is and also how hygienic it is. I would also like to know how many times they ar$_e$ not able to supply in casseroles and what will be the percentage of times when it is supplied through the old method in spite of the fact that they are claiming that *fn the* casseroles they will provide this particular facility.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Food, of counse, is hygienic. We have also taken opinion polls from the iT3seng|ers travelling in our trains. We give them certain forms and they fill in these fwrns, According to these forms the total number of polls taken in the first, five months of the calendar year of 1988 was 1,87.891. Hot> and warm—98.3 per cent, tasty or fair—98,7 ner cent and well-cooked —97.6 per cent. Not being just satisfied by this opinion poll, we have also sent a team from the Railway Board to go and make random checks and sive their own evaluation. According to these noils and according to these random cheeks, which were done by the ticket checking squad of the Railway Board hot and warm percentage *was* 84.9; tasty on fair was 89 per cent; well cooked 83 per cent. So. not only do we get the opinion of passengers on the food that is supplied, but we also send a squad from the Railway Boar ticket checking squad to have random checks. According to them also it is a fairly high percentage. Between 80 and 90 it is a fairly high percentage. I do agree there may bre certain exceptional cases where sometimes dup to train being late or due to some other problems occasion-sllv there m^v be a oroblems which people face. Whenever we receive such complain+s it is our best effort to trv and se° that whatever is lacking in the service 's SPt richt and then it is ensu'red that it is not repeated in

SHR j P N. SUKUL: Last wee i went to Lucknow by the G rati Express—a '.uperfast train. I got tiffin in ciibsercJe. It was not hot and warm at all May be it does not t he in the -14.9 per rent category which is men tioned by the Minister. The very next day I came back by the same very train and again it was like that. In the casserole there was no spoon even with which to take it. So, sometimes it is done very carelessly and I hope the Minister will kindly look into the matter and get it improved.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Ob. viously this was the exceptional case I referred to earlier.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Let him know that you will look into it,

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA; In fact, I have already told the hon. Member when he mentioned this to me before my turn came up to answer that I would like him to give me the details of the trains he had travelled and where actually the meal was taken so that we could look into it. on Hour

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : सभापति महोदय, खानपान सेवाओं की क्वलिटी और इफिशियेंसी से संबंधित यह प्रश्न है जो कि खाद्य पदार्थ और पेय जल से भी जुड़ा हुआ है। पिछले सालों रेल विभाग में खानपान सेवाओं में पर्याप्त सुधार हुआ है, इसके लिए मंत्री महोदय बधाई के पात्र हैं। सुपर फास्ट ट्रेन्स में एक स्टेशन से दूसरे स्टेशन तक पहुंचने में काफी समय का अंतर होता है और रात को दस बजे और साढ़े दस बजे के बाद कैटरिंग सर्विस वालों से यदि चाय या कोल्ड ड्रिंक्स के लिए कहें तो वह अपनी मजबूरी बताते हैं और चाय आदि नहीं मिल पाती है। क्या मंत्री महोदय इस संबंध में कोई निर्देश जारी करेंगे ताकि यात्रियों को इस सुविधा का लाभ मिल सके?

MR. CHAIRMAN; Quest: PAW

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mobile Medical Units for Remote and Inaccessible Areas

*203. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY-SHRj AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce mobile medical units for remote and tribal areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

fe) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to provide the satisfactory medical facilities in the remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India. However, keeping in view, the difficult geogran'h'cai conditions of tribal/ 'remote and hilly areas, to provide medical facilities the norms for establishment of Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres have ibeen relaxed as one Primary Health Centre for 20,100 population and one Sub-Centre for 3,000 population in tribal/hilly and remote areas against 30,000 and 5,000 population respectively in general rural areas. The State Governments * have been advised to give priority to tribal/remote areas while locating Primary Health Centre/Sub-Centre.

जोधपुर हवाई अड्डे में यात्री सुविधाओं का विस्तार

*205. श्री भंवर लाल पंवार : क्या सागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने जोधपुर हवाई अड्डे में प्रतीक्षालय, अतिथि कक्ष तथा